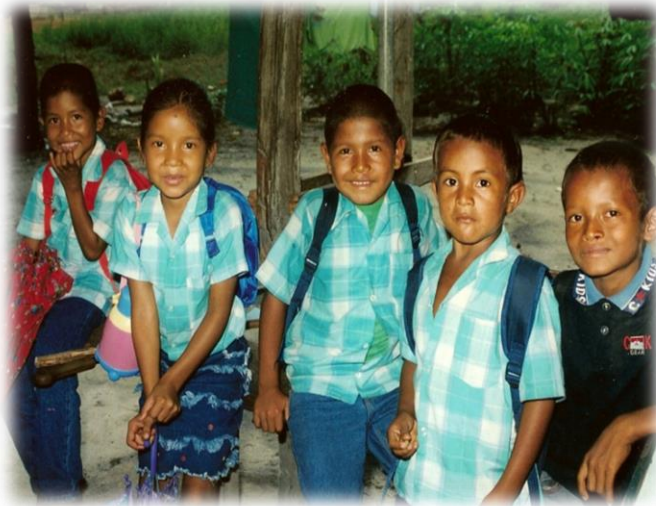


FACT SHEET

Program Description

The Welfare and Institutions Code §13300-13302 authorizes the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to contract with qualified nonprofit legal service organizations to provide legal services to Unaccompanied Undocumented Minors (UUMs) present in California who are in the physical custody of the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) or residing with a sponsor. The Budget Act provides \$3 million annually for this function.



Contracted Service Providers

The CDSS conducts an internal evaluation process to ensure awarded contractors met all statutory requirements including:

- *Is recognized as a nonprofit legal service organization;*
- *Has at least three (3) years of experience in providing legal representation; and*
- *Is accredited by the Office of Legal Access Programs under the United States Department of Justice's Executive Office of Immigration Review or meets the State Bar of California Trust Fund Program requirements to receive funding.*



Funding

Pursuant to WIC §13300-13302, the CDSS is using a fee-per-case model. Based on input from various sources, the CDSS has determined:

Fiscal Year	Fee-Per-Case	# Served
2014-15	\$4,000	725
2015-16	\$5,000	580
2016-17	\$5,000	580
2017-18	\$5,000	580

- All funding must be applied to new cases with representation agreements signed within the dates of the contract term.
- Contractors are required to submit invoices monthly.
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- All invoiced cases must be verifiable through ORR.
- Contractors are subject to oversight and accountability by the CDSS, and must carry \$1,000,000 in legal malpractice insurance.